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weeks 8 vessels have been inspected and 103 passengers certified to. The shipping continues free from infection, and with the exception of 3 cases of remittent fever, there has been no sickness in the harbor. From a passenger just from the Yucatan coast I learned that there is still some fever in Progreso, Merida, and Laguna. The fever in Cordoba has about ceased, and no new cases have been reported from the isthmus during the past two weeks. The experiments with the yellow fever serum of Dr. Bellinzaghi will terminate this week, when I will forward you a full report upon the action of the serum upon the yellow fever cases.

The inclosed clipping might be based upon some tangible information.

Respectfully, SAML. H. HODGSON,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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[Inclosure.]

The Chinese question in Mexico.

The influx of Chinese emigrants in North Mexico is being closely watched as many of them are crossing the frontier to the States. The reason for this is that there are more Chinese in the States of Sonora and Sinaloa than there is work for, and many of the emigrants make for the States. It is said there are no less than 10,000 in the States of Sinaloa and Sonora seeking work, some of them utterly destitute. The chief of a certain gang has offered the services of a number of them to a railroad, but at present their services have not been accepted and it is probable these emigrants will distribute themselves in the neighboring States of Tepic and Jalisco.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *August 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report: Since my last, 2 steamships have been inspected—the *Jarl* and *Suldal*—both bound to New Orleans, and neither carrying passengers. Copies of certificates given the masters are inclosed. For the week ended July 29, 4 deaths occurred in Bluefields, viz, 1 native, adult, of senility; 1 native, adult, of tuberculosis; 1 German, child, of pharyngitis, and 1 native, female, of uterine hemorrhage. For the week ended August 5, 2 deaths were reported—1 native, adult, of malarial fever, and 1 native, child, of dysentery. The sanitary condition of Bluefields and vicinity is good. There are several cases of malarial fever in the town not of a clear type, and no more than usual or than could be expected from the size and nature of the population.

The quarantine officials of this port, spurred by the action of Mobile and New Orleans in refusing passengers from Central American ports, have quarantined all infected and suspected ports south of this place, namely, Colon, Bocas, Cartagena, and Port Limon.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN,
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